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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE CONSIDER BUYING AMERICAN - EVEN DEFOLIANTS

1. VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES HAVE REQUESTED A LOCAL BUSINESSMAN TO INVESTIGATE THE COST AND POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASING 200 TONS OF AN AMERICAN DEFOLIANT AND SEVERAL AMERICAN INSECTICIDES. THE DEFOLIANT, 2,4-D (DICHLOROPHENOXYACETIC ACID) WAS WIDELY USED IN INDOCHINA DURING THE WAR. THE OTHER ITEMS BEING PRICED WERE THE INSECTICIDES: DDT (100 TONS), BHC (BENZENE HEXACHLORIDE - 200 TONS) AND DIELDRIN (200 TONS).

2. CONGENOFF ADVISED THE BUSINESSMAN OF THE USG'S POLICY OF LICENSING SALES OF AMERICAN GOODS TO VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA ONLY FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS AND THAT DDT SHIPMENTS HAD ALREADY BEEN AUTHORIZED FOR CAMBODIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT POLICY. CONGENOFF ADDED THAT WHILE HE COULD NOT SPECULATE AS TO WHAT DECISION THE USG
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WOULD MAKE ON LICENSES FOR THESE PARTICULAR ITEMS, THE REQUEST TO SELL DEFOLIANT TO VIETNAM WOULD CERTAINLY ATTRACT SOME ATTENTION.

3. ANOTHER BUSINESSMAN WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM HANOI REPORTED THAT MUCH TO HIS AMAZEMENT, UNCLE HO'S TOMB IS COOLED BY HONEYWELL.

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